Garden Talk

By
Appomattox Garden Club

Let's talk about the pruning of trees and shrubs. Late winter and early spring are the best times to begin pruning. By doing it now, you will gain a head start on spring when there is more to do than time allows. Check to be sure your tools are clean and sharp in order to make clean, neat cuts. Then select mild days in which to do the pruning.

The first step, of course, is to study your trees and plants and decide what needs to be cut. Always remove any branches that are dead or diseased, as well as any that are lacking in vigor.

To thin and open up, remove growth, but with spring flowering kinds be sparing in order not to cut away too much wood on which flowers will appear. Summer flowering shrubs, for the most part, are better cut back a little later in the season when the warm weather will indicate the amount of winter-kill.

Prune shrubs into a natural pattern, never in a fan-shaped, dubbed off shape. Cut some large growth at the bottom, to thin the plant, and other branches of uneven lengths. When you have finished, the plant will look open and graceful — not bunchy and artificial.

When pruning trees, eliminate V-crotches which are weak and break easily in storms. Remove branches that cross or rub against one another, and thin where needed to permit the free passage of air and sunlight during the growing season. If you plan to cut large branches, make sure that all cuts are flush with the trunk or large branch. Otherwise any stub that is left will rot and soon spread the decay in the tree. Cover large cuts with tree wound paint, as well as any that measure more than an inch in diameter.

This is the proper time to prune fruit trees. Open up apple trees and prune away any dead, diseased or weak wood. Do the same with pears, but be less drastic, since too many cuts are invitations for the spores of the fire blight disease to get a start. Plums and cherries, along with peaches, require light pruning to do away with undesirable growth. Grapes, particularly, are best prunded at this time, for if you wait until later in the spring, vines will bleed freely. Fruit will appear on last year's branches, so leave a few of these from two to four feet long.

Some shrubs and trees produce suckers at the base. If you find them, cut them at this time. Also remove "water sprouts." These thick, vigorous sprouts appear along large branches or at points where branches have been broken.

Sterilize tools between cuts by dipping cutting parts in radiator alcohol.

'COLD WAR' IN TEXAS

Fort Stockton, Texas.- The proposal to split the large West Texas county of Pecos into two counties is causing a sort of "cold war" between the east and the west. Unhappy "easterners" want to divide the county, now four times the size of Luxumbourg, because they figure they are getting the short end of the tax rate. Pecos County has an estimated 10,933 population.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Feb. 19.- We are all so glad to see some clear weather. Hope it will continue for a long time.

We have so much sickness around us. Hope for all of them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and children, of Richmond; Mrs. Bettie Wheeler and son, Brad, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Krantz visited Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler over the week-end.

Mr. O. R. Turnes was called to Hopewell on Saturday, due to the extreme illness of his brother. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette had as their guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ray Burnette and son, Tom Ray Jr., of Concord, and Mr. Fields Chandler and his family, all of Lynchburg.

Dr. C. C. Bell, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Aaron Smith, will hold quarterly conference at the Bethel Methodist Church on next Tuesday night, Feb. 26. All four of the churches on the field are expected to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence motored to Richmond on Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnson, and to bring home his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard, who had been visiting in the Johnson home.

Misses Madelyn and Eloise Bondurant spent Sunday with Miss Winnie and Miss Barbara Jean Lee. They also attended the Y. W. A. meeting at Miss Sandra Staton's in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Routon and two girls, Bettie and Kitty visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carson visited Mr. Street Thornhill in the Virginia Baptist Hospital on last Friday. Glad to know that he is able to be setting up and smoking his pipe! Hope he can soon be well and at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Lee and family visited her sick parents last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler. Glad they both are better.

Mrs. Sallie Ann Blankenship, who has been in the hospital for some time, has gone to the home of her son, Dick to get well enough to return to her home here.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter, Judy, and Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughters, Val and Georgie Belle visited Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge Sunday.

We are sorry to hear of the death of little 4-year-old John Robents (John) Hoke, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Luther Hoke and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Giles of our community.

Mr. aand Mrs. Marshall Pugh, of W. Va., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge were the guests Monday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter and Mrs. Watts in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hunter and family were in Lynchburg on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paulett and children visited Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Garrett.

PUNCTUALITY SAVES HIM

Caen, France.- Rene Martine, a bus driver, had a well - known record for absolute punctuality. When he did not arrive for work on time one morning recently a friend was so surprised that she went to his home. There she found him and his wife lying unconscious from fumes from a gas stove. She called for help and the couple was revived.

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Vera

Vera, Feb. 18.- "If ye then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" —Luke 11-13.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson, Mr. Jimmie Harvey and James Kesey, and Mrs. Lester B. Harvey.

Mr. Willie Page has recovered from his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds and Miss Merle Reynolds visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Tuesday night.

Mr. Homer Reynolds' birthday was celebrated at his home on Sunday the 10th. There were twenty-four present. All enjoyed the occasion, and we hope for him many returns.

Mr. and Mrs. Amon Hancock visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Wednesday.

We are certainly glad to have such clear weather.

Oakville

Oakville, Feb. 19.- Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Moore were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr.

The Young Adult Class of Mt. Comfort Church met Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson.

We are sorry to hear that Burley Phelps is very ill. He is in the hospital in Richmond.

We are glad to hear that Fletcher Burge is home, doing fine. He has been in C. & O. Hospital taking treatmente.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moore, Mrs. Maude Martin and Mrs. Ellen Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Burcher at Howardsville Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr. were in Richmond Thursday on a business trip.

We are sorry to hear that Melvin Drinkard is back in bed. We hope he will soon be better and out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Moore, Mrs. Wiley Moore and Mrs. Edna Stinson have returned home after visiting relatives in Florida.

Jacqueline Cobbs has returned home after an operation, from the Lynchburg Hospital. She plans to return to school this week.

Mr. Richard Coleman visited his father, Mr. man for the week-end.

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Rocks Baptist Church
Rev. Joseph R. Darden, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.
Training Union, 7:00 P. M.

Central Baptist Church
Rev. Joseph R. Darden, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Training Union, 6:30 P. M.
Evening Service, 7:30 P. M.

Evergreen Baptist Church
Rev. J. E. Greene, Pastor
Sunday, February 24
Sunday School, 9:45
Sunbeams meet
Worship 11:00
W. M. S. and Y. W. A. Mission Study 2:00
B. T. U. 6:30
Wednesday, Feb. 27
Prayer Meeting 7:30
R. A. Meeting 7:30

Hazel Moon Y. W. A.
The Hazel Moon Y. W. A.'s of Spout Spring Baptist Church held its monthly meeting on Feb. 14, at 7:30, with Mrs. Betsy Franklin.

The program was on "You Are There." Those taking part on the program were Phyllis and Sandra Morris, Isabelle Coleman and Mildred Jean Franklin.

The next meeting will be held March 14 with Phyllis Morris.

Seventh-day Adventist Church
W. P. Lawrence, Pastor
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Services Every Saturday
Sabbath School, 9:30 A. M.
Worship Service, 11:00 A. M.
Subject: "Work of the Day."
M. V. Meeting, Friday evening at 7:30.
Visitors are welcome to all meetings.

Appomattox Methodist Circuit
Aaron D. Smith, Pastor
10 A. M. Bethel.
"The Complete Christ." —Pastor.
11:15 A. M. Trinity.
Dr. Ralph Haga, Richmond, Va., guest speaker.
Quarterly Conference on Tuesday night at Bethel Church, 7:30 P. M.

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Dayton, Ohio.- Mrs. Cynthia Dolores Carradditi, although only 23, admitted to police that she is still married to three of her seven husbands. She was in jail charged with suspicion of bigamy and defrauding the Government.

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St. Ann's Episcopal Church
Sexagesima Sunday
10:00 A. M. Sunday School.
11:00 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon. —The Ven. Norman E. Taylor.

Carver-Price School News

Hello Readers!

"Miss Carver-Price" for 1957 is Clara Fergu on, a Senior student, who won the coveted title over other competitors. She was crowned last Friday evening by Principal R. E. Patrick during half-time ceremonies during our basketball game between Staunton and Carver. Attendants representing all classes from grades one to twelve, wearing maroon and gray skirts and sweaters with ribbon shoulder streamers surrounded the queen during the ceremonies. A maroon and gray cape, a banner extending from shoulder to waist with "Miss Carver" upon it and a large c egay corsage completed her attire. Majorettes and cheerleaders added much color to the coronation. Clara will journey to Lexington on Thursday, attending the District Basketball Tournament.

Our "Panthers" won the game Friday evening also, by a score of 48 to 30. Many spectators enjoyed the evening. High scorer was Raymond Lawing with 14 points. The Jayvees lost by a score of 52 to 35 to the Staunton Jayvees.

The last game of the season was played Tuesday evening between Carter G. Woodson, of Buckingham and Carver. Girls of both schools played the preliminary game.

Patrons and friends are extended an invitation to attend the District III Dramatic Tournament to be held here at Carver next Friday, March 1, 1957, at 7:30 P. M. Six dramatic groups will present one-act plays. The winner in this tournament will compete in the State Dramatic Tournament in March. Mrs. H. P. James is local dramatic sponsor.

Principal R. E. Patrick will attend the National Association of Principals meeting to be held in Washington, D. C. he will leave for the nation's capital on Saturday February 23, for the six day meeting.

On Thursday, February 14, the Annual 4-H Achievement Program was held in the auditorium, under the direction of County Agent G. L. James. Master of ceremonies was William Forbes, Jr., outstending 4-H Club membe-

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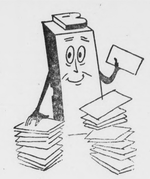

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